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REFERENCE TO: Mission 1040-2, RECESSION OF WATER FROM HARBOR OF ARALSK
ARAL SEA, USSR

1. SIGNIFICANCE: PHOTOGRAPHIC EVIDENCE OF WATER RECESSION FROM A MAJOR SEAPORT OF AN INLAND SEA IN THE USSR.
2. LOCATION: SOUTHERN PART OF THE TOWN OF ARALSK, BORDERING AN INLET INTO THE ARAL SEA.
3. REMARKS: BECAUSE OF THE IRRIGATION PROJECTS IN THE SURROUNDING DESERT AREAS, THE DECLINING WATER LEVEL AND POTENTIAL SALINITY OF THE ARAL SEA HAS RECENTLY BECOME AN IMPORTANT TOPIC OF DISCUSSION. SINCE THE TOWN AND HARBOR OF ARALSK PROVIDES THE PRIMARY SUPPLIES FOR OSTROV VOZROZHDENIYA, THE WATER LEVEL IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT IN REGARD TO THE OSTROV VOZROZHDENIYA SUSPECT BW FACILITY.

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5. FIRST IDENTIFICATION : WATER RECESSION: THIS MISSION.

6. NEGATION DATE: NONE

7. SUBSEQUENT COVERAGE: NONE

8. DIMENSIONS /
SPECIFICATIONS: NONE

9. MISSION READOUT: WATER HAS COMPLETELY RECEDDED FROM THE HARBOR AND VESSELS ARE LITERALLY STRANDED ON THE BOTTOM.

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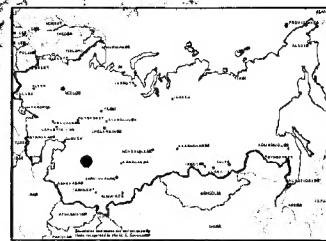


**RECEDITION OF WATER FROM PORT OF ARALSK
ARAL SEA, USSR
46-47N 61-41E**

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ARALSK AIRFIELD



SHIPS RESTING ON BOTTOM

SUSPECT SUPPORT BASE FOR
VOZROZHDENIYA ISLAND

WATER RECEDED

20K ENLARGEMENT

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